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| 15. | Smt. Raksha, wife | HAV Raj Kumar | LPG | Jhandutta |
| 16. | Smt. Promt la Devi, wife | N/SUB Khem Chand | RO | Dhrampur |
| 17. | Shri Nand Ram, father | RFN Shyam Singh | LPG | Chopal |
| 18. | Smt. Sudershana Devi, wife | RFN Rakesh Kumar | LPG | Indora |
| 19. | Smt. Shanti Devi, mother | RFN Ashok Kumar | LPG | Fatehpur |
| 20. | Smt,. Dhani Devi, wife | HAV Krishan Chand | LPG | Chelchowk |
| 2L | Smt. Kiran Kumari, wife | RFN Parveen Kumar | RO | Tehliwal |

**Reservation for Women in Allotment of Petrol Pumps and LPG Agencies**

† 876: SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are going to provide reservation fo women in allotment of petroi pumps and LPG age: -nos,

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (c) As net the existing policy guide! ir.. s for selection of dealers/ distributors of petroleum nroducts, 33% dealerships/distributorships in each category are reserved for wnmci. belonging to that category. Oilier things being equal, widows and unmarried women above 40 years of age without earning parents are given priority over others in all categories.

**Inter-State Sale of Furnace Uil/LDO**

877. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR i'RASAD: Will/he Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently all oil companies have decided not to affect inter-State sale of furnace Oil/LDO at concessional rate of Central Sale Tax;

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(b) whether it is also a fact that a large number of rerolling mills who depend primarily on furnace oil for.running their units would suffer thoroughly because of the exorbitant cost involved; and

(c) Whether Government are contemplating any other steps to help in the suffering of rolling mills on account of this decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIE. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (c) The oil marketing PSUs had been advised by the Ministry to stop inter-State supply of all petroleum products by road across State borders as sales tax evasion was being allegedly resorted to by some customers.

The Ministry and the oil companies received representations from different industries, industrial/commercial confederations/associations and some Departments of Govemament of India. The Government have considered the representations and the oil marketing PSUs have been advised to restore Inter-State road supplies to all genuine customers which *inter-alia* include Export Oriented Units, customers in Union Territories where oil companies have no storage facilities and such customers are supplied from the nearest depot in adjoining States. In addition Government consumers like Railways, Defence and Public Sector Undertaking like Steel, Coal, Power etc. as well as Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)/ Agreement customers have been exempted from the above restrictions.

**Fire in Mathura Refinery**

878. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a major fire broke out in the oil water sewage system of the Mathrura Refinery recently;

(b) if so, the total loss suffered by die refinery as a result thereof;

(c) whether Government have since ascertained die cause of the incident: and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to check recurrence of such incidents in future?

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